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- (2) Complete copy of Japanese document No. 2002-513419 cited in said Japanese Office Action;
- (3) Complete copy of WO 98/57304 (only the title page was supplied with said IDS filed November 9, 2004); and
- (4) Form PTO/SB/08A listing the particulars of Japanese 2002-513491, WO 98/57304 and USP 6,466,921 (which is a family member of WO 98/57304 and Japanese 2002-513491).

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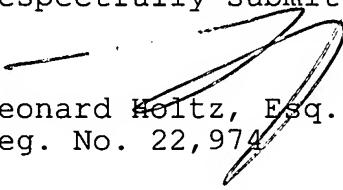
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